

- □ Put your baby to bed without a bottle. Instead, give your baby a favorite toy, blanket, or clean pacifier at nap or bedtime.
- Wipe your baby's teeth and gums gently with a child's soft toothbrush or clean washcloth each day.
- □ Look at your baby's teeth each day as you clean them. Call your dentist if you see white, brown, or black spots.
- Never tie a pacifier around your baby's neck. Do not dip pacifier in honey or anything sweet.
- Sugar water, soda, sweetened drinks or fruit juice in the bottle can cause tooth decay.
- Ask your doctor or dentist about fluoride for your baby's teeth.
- Store fluoride out of your baby's reach.

- □ Feed your baby breastmilk or formula with iron. Help your baby give up the bottle by 12 - 14 months.
- □ Use a small cup or a training cup for plain water or fruit juice.
- ☐ Give your baby 3 iron-rich meals a day.
- ☐ Give infant cereals, mashed or finely chopped meat or beans by spoon. Baby can feed self finger foods and soft fruits.
- □ Let your baby decide how much and how fast to eat.
- □ Do not add salt or sugar to solid food.
- □ Babies can choke on:

popcorn peanuts seeds nuts grapes gum

raw vegetables peanut butter raisins, dried fruit meat sticks hot dogs candy

- ☐ Honey or corn syrup can make your baby very sick.
- □ Do not give baby desserts.

# Growing Up Healthy



Name:	
Height:	Weight:
Today's Date:	
Next Appointment:	
Date:	Time:

### Keep emergency numbers handy



Police, fire, ambulance: Call 911

**Poison Control Number:** 1-800-876-4766

- Learn Infant CPR
- Put smoke alarms in hallways and every bedroom, check every 6 months.
- Have a carbon monoxide alarm.

## Health and Safety

- Never leave your baby alone in the tub, pool or near a bucket of water. Have a fence around pool/spa.
- □ Use an infant car seat for every ride.
- □ Buckle infant car seat in the back seat.
- □ Never put your baby or children in the front seat if there is an airbag.
- □ Put baby to sleep on the back, not the side or stomach. No pillows in bed.
- □ Keep crib away from windows, drapes, cords and blinds. Remove crib toys.
- □ Keep small objects, unsafe toys, plastic bags and balloons away from your baby.
- □ Turn water heater to less than 120°.
- ☐ Keep baby away from hot things.
- ☐ Test formula and food temperature.
- Childproof your home. Cover electrical outlets with safety plugs. Check cabinets, drawers and toilet lids.



### Parenting Tips

## Your baby is special. Pick up, hold, love, cuddle and talk to your baby.

### What to Expect

- Your baby learns quickly when you teach by gently showing and not by punishing.
- ☐ Your baby may shy away from new faces and people and be afraid of strangers.
- ☐ Your baby may be able to:
  - Stand when holding on to the couch or chair
  - Say "ma-ma" and "da-da"
  - Get into a sitting position
  - Bang together 2 objects held in hands
  - Copy speech and sounds
  - Poke fingers into tiny openings

#### What You Can Do

- ☐ Give toys that move such as large balls, rolling toys.
- ☐ Give empty boxes to play with.
- ☐ Let your baby crawl to have strong legs and arms.
- □ Baby should wear soft shoes.
- ☐ Take your baby for walks. Your baby will love the outdoors.
- ☐ Help your baby learn to talk. Name parts of the body and things your baby sees.
- ☐ Read a story or sing a favorite song to make bedtime easier.

If you find yourself about to hit, shake or harm your baby, call a "Hot Line" or a friend for help.

### 10 - 12 Months

## Health and Safety

- ☐ Take your baby for regular health exams and vaccines (shots).
- □ Do not pick up your baby by the arms.
- □ Never shake, toss or swing your baby in the air in anger or even in a playful way.
- □ Do not use an infant walker or hanging jumper; they may cause injuries.
- □ Use stair gates and window guards.
- □ Never leave your baby alone or with a stranger.
- □ Label and lock up pills, iron pills, medicines, and poisons.
- □ Keep your baby's skin, hair, body, clothes and bedding clean.
- □ Wash your hands with soap and water before and after changing diapers.
- □ Wash your baby's hands before and after each meal.
- □ Keep your baby away from loud noises.
  - Loud noises can damage your baby's hearing.
  - A noise is too loud if you have to raise your voice to talk to someone only 3 feet away.
- ☐ Keep your baby away from tobacco smoke. Stop all tobacco use.
- □ Have your baby's blood tested for lead.